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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 8, 10, and 14 through 32 are pending in the present application. Claims 9 and 11 through 13 were previously canceled. Claims 8, 10, 19, 20, 22 through 25, and 30 through 32 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Action (1) rejected claims 1 to 4, 7, 21, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,797,109 to Yamada et al. ("the Yamada patent"); (2) rejected claims 1 to 7, 21, and 26 to 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yamada patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,093,991 to Hendrickson ("the Hendrickson patent"); (3) rejected claims 1 to 4, 7, 14 to 16, 21, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. Re. 22,638 to Kleinman patent ("the Kleinman patent") in view of the Yamada patent and/or U.S. Patent No. 2,119,792 to Parkin ("the Parkin patent"); (4) rejected claims 1 to 7, 14 to 18, 21, 26 to 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Kleinman patent in view of the Hendrickson patent, or alternatively the Kleinman patent in view of the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent and further in view of the Hendrickson patent.

Regarding item (1) identified above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over the Yamada patent at least because the Yamada patent fails to disclose or suggest a head connector for connecting the clipper head and the handle so

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that the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said cutting assembly as set forth in claim 1. Thus, the Yamada patent does not disclose or suggest claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as it relates to the Yamada patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 2 to 4 and 7, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims are likewise patentable over the Yamada patent at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2 to 4 and 7, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 21, it is respectfully submitted that the Yamada patent likewise fails to disclose or suggest a head connector connecting the clipper head and the handle so that the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said concentric cutting assembly. Thus, the Yamada patent does not disclose or suggest claim 21. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 as it relates to the Yamada patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 26 and 27, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 21, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims are likewise patentable over

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the Yamada patent at least for the same reasons noted above with respect to claim 21. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 26 and 27, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

Regarding item (2) identified above, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 1 is patentable over each of the cited patents and/or any proper combination of the same. First, as previously noted, the Yamada patent fails to disclose or suggest a head connector for connecting the clipper head and the handle so that the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said cutting assembly. Second, the Hendrickson patent fails to provide any further disclosure and/or suggestion that correct this deficiency in the Yamada patent. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as it relates to the combination of the Yamada patent and the Hendrickson patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 2 through 7, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are patentable at least for the same reasons as noted with respect to claim 1. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections pertaining to claims 2 through 7 as they relate to the cited combination of the Yamada patent and the Hendrickson patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

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With regard to claim 21, as with claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the Yamada patent fails to disclose or suggest a head connector connecting the clipper head and the handle so that the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said concentric cutting assembly. Furthermore, the Hendrickson patent fails to provide any further disclosure and/or suggestion that correct this deficiency in the Yamada patent. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 as it relates to the combination of the Yamada patent and the Hendrickson patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 26 through 29, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are patentable at least for the same reasons as noted with respect to claim 21. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections pertaining to claims 26 through 29 as they relate to the cited combination of the Yamada patent and the Hendrickson patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

Regarding item (3) identified above, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 1 is patentable over each of the cited patents and/or any proper combination of the same. Notwithstanding that which is disclosed by each of the cited references (i.e., the Kleinman patent, the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent), each of the cited references fail to disclose or suggest "a head connector for connecting the clipper

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head and the handle the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said cutting assembly". Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as it relates to the combination of the Yamada patent and the Hendrickson patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 2 through 4 and 7, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are patentable for the same reasons noted with respect to claim 1. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections pertaining to claims 2 through 4 and 7 as they relate to the cited combination of the Kleinman patent with the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 14, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 14 is patentable over each of the cited patents and/or any proper combination of the same. Further, it is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose or suggest that the clipper head is pivotable about an axis of rotation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and is parallel to and offset from the cutting edge. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 14 as it relates to the cited combination (i.e., the Kleinman patent, the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent), and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

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With regard to claims 15 and 16, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 14, it is respectfully submitted, that each of these claims are patentable at least for the reasons noted above with respect to claim 14. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections pertaining to claims 15 and 16 as they relate to the cited combination of the Kleinman patent with the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 21, as previously submitted, the Yamada patent clearly fails to disclose or suggest a head connector connecting the clipper head and the handle the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said concentric cutting assembly as set forth in claim 21. In addition, the Kleinman patent and the Parkin patent fail to provide any further disclosure and/or suggestion to correct this deficiency in the Yamada patent. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 as it relates to the cited combination of the Kleinman patent, the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 26 through 29, it is respectfully submitted, that, as previously stated, each of these claims are patentable at least for the same reasons noted with respect to claim 21. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections pertaining to claims 26 through 29 as they relate to the cited combination of the Kleinman patent with the Yamada

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patent and/or the Parkin patent, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

Regarding item (4) identified above, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 1 is patentable over each of the cited patents and/or any proper combination of the same. It is further respectfully submitted that each of the cited reference combinations (i.e., the Kleinman patent with the Hendrickson patent, or alternatively, the Kleinman patent with the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent in view of the Hendrickson patent), fails to disclose or suggest a head connector for connecting the clipper head and the handle the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said cutting assembly. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as it relates to the aforementioned combination of references, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 2 through 7, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are patentable for the same reasons noted with respect to claim 1. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections pertaining to claims 2 through 7 as they relate to any proper combination of the cited references, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 14, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 14 is patentable over each of the cited patents and/or any proper combination of the same. Further, it is

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further respectfully submitted that each of the cited reference combinations (i.e., the Kleinman patent with the Hendrickson patent, or alternatively, the Kleinman patent with the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent in view of the Hendrickson patent), fails to disclose or suggest the clipper head is pivotable about an axis of rotation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and is parallel to and offset from the cutting edge. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 14 as it relates to the above noted reference combinations, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 15 and 16, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 14, it is respectfully submitted, that each of these claims are patentable at least for the reasons noted above with respect to claim 14. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections pertaining to claims 15 and 16 as they relate to the above-identified reference combinations, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 21, it is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references nor any combination of the same disclose or suggest a head connector connecting the clipper head and the handle the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said concentric cutting assembly. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

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With regard to claims 26 through 29, it is respectfully submitted, that each of these claims are patentable at least for the reason discussed with respect to claim 21. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of any rejection pertaining to claims 26 through 29 as they relate to the cited reference combination (i.e., the Kleinman patent with the Hendrickson patent, or alternatively, the Kleinman patent with the Yamada patent and/or the Parkin patent in view of the Hendrickson patent), are respectfully requested.

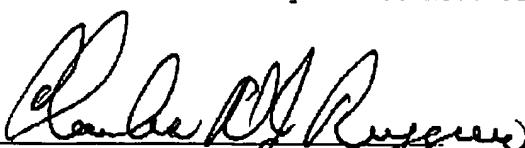
Finally, with regard to withdrawn claims 19, 20 and 22 through 25, which withdrawal was subject to the non-allowance of linking claims 1 and 21, it is respectfully requested, based at least on the foregoing discussion, that each of these claims be given proper consideration and be passed to allowance.

In sum, it is respectfully submitted that the present pending claims are clearly patentable over each cited reference and the cited combinations of the same. Thus, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

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